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1. (amended) An IC card comprising:  
a memory having a plurality of point storage [area] areas  
storing point data which are [given] assigned corresponding to  
a customer's use; and  
a point management application which [manage accessing]  
manages access to said memory.

Claim 2, line 3, delete "a point" insert --points--; same  
line 3, delete "the" insert --an--;

line 4, delete "the from" insert --them--; same line  
4, delete "area" insert --areas--.

Claim 3, line 2, delete "the" (second occurrence); same  
line 2, delete "of the" insert --to an--;

line 3, delete "corresponded" insert  
--corresponds--; same line 3, delete "the".

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4. (amended) An IC card according to claim 2,  
wherein said point management application allows writing  
point data into [the] an area that [corresponded] corresponds  
to transmitted data, and [prohibited the] prohibits writing to  
other areas [and other areas], and [reading] reads the point  
data from both an area that [corresponded] corresponds to  
transmitted data and another store's area.

Claim 5, line 2, delete "said" (second occurrence);

line 3, delete "point data is used" insert --points are redeemed--.

Claim 6, line 7, after "accessing" insert --of--.

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7. (amended) An IC card according to claim 2, wherein said memory has [using] a history of use storage area which stores a number of times of [using] use of the IC card.

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Claim 8, line 2, delete "manage" insert --manages--;

line 3, after "wherein" insert --said--.

Claim 9, line 2, after "liquidation" insert ---.

Claim 10, line 2, after "liquidation" insert ---.

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11. (amended) An IC card according to claim 2, wherein said [memory has each store] plurality of point [area which stores] storage areas store point data provided by [each store] respective stores and include a group point storage area which stores group point data used by several stores, and said point management application writes said point data into both said [store] point [area] storage areas and group point [area] storage areas when point data [are] is issued by [said] a store.

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12. (amended) A point management system comprising:  
a point system management apparatus which [manage]  
manages and [register] registers a store which participates in  
a point system;

an IC card having a memory having a plurality of point  
storage [area] areas storing point data which [are given] is  
assigned corresponding to a customer's use and a point  
management application which [manage accessing] manages access  
to said memory; and

a reading and writing apparatus which reads and writes  
said IC card by using key data provided by said point system  
management apparatus.

Claim 13, line 3, delete "a point" insert --points--;  
same line 3, delete "the" (second occurrence) insert --an--;  
line 4, delete "the from" insert --them--; same line  
4, delete "area" insert --areas--.

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14. (amended) A point management system according to  
claim 13,  
wherein said point system management apparatus provides a  
register store number and crypt key to [said] a store  
participating in said point system,

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said reading and writing apparatus accesses said IC cards by using crypt data which [combined] includes said register store number and said crypt key, and

said point management application determines [allowing] whether access [of] to said reading and writing apparatus is to be allowed by distinguishing said crypt data transmitted from said reading and writing apparatus.

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Claim 15, line 7, after "accessing" insert --of--.

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16. (amended) A point management system according to claim 15,  
wherein said reading and writing apparatus transmits an order [of subscribing point to] for subtracting points from said IC card,

said point data processing unit [subscripts] subtracts point data, and

said control unit rewrites [subscripted] resulting point data to said memory.

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Claim 17, line 2, delete "read said" insert --reads--;  
same line 2, delete "form" insert --from--;  
line 3, delete "transmit" insert --transmits--.

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a reference center which [reference] references customer's data;

A7 [an] a vending machine which [sales] dispenses goods [by] for exchange [the] of money of an IC card and [transmit a] transmits point data read from said [an] IC card; and

an application center which [receive] receives said point data and [hold] holds a card number and said point data,

wherein said application center [does] conducts a lottery and [send] sends a gift to the winner by information of said reference center.

Claim 19, line 1, delete "An" insert --A--;

line 3, after "wherein" insert --the--; same line 3, delete "access" insert --accesses--;

line 4, delete "to"; line 4, after "originally" insert --provided--; same line 4, after "for" insert --a--.

Claim 20, line<sup>1</sup><sub>^</sub>, delete "An" insert --A--;1

line 3, delete "issue the" insert --issues--; same line 3, delete ",";

line 4, delete "to" insert --for--.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please replace the original abstract with the following new abstract:

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--Abstract of the Disclosure

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A system is provided to manage points provided by plural manufacturers and plural stores using one card. To achieve this object, the point management system has a point system management apparatus that administers the whole point system, a reading and writing apparatus which reads and writes the data from/into an IC card, and an IC card which has a memory having plurality of point record areas that store point data transmitted from the reading and writing apparatus and a point management application that controls access to the point record area of the memory.--

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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct errors of a typographical and grammatical nature. Due to the excessive corrections thereto, applicants submit herewith a Substitute Specification, along with a marked-up copy of the original specification for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants submit that the substitute specification includes no new matter. Therefore, entry of the Substitute Specification is respectfully requested.